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MEETING OF THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2002 AT 2:00 P.M

MPO GOVERNING BOARD
STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 NW FIRST STREET
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBER

REVISED AGENDA

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- June 20, 2002 Meeting

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- B. EAST/WEST METRORAIL CORRIDOR TRANSIT TUNNEL UNDER U.S. COURTHOUSE

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- B. **TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT**
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- C. **TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL UPDATE OF THE TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (*Public Hearing*)



ADD-ON ITEM

D. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

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VI. REPORTS

A. MEMBERS

1. REQUEST BY BOARD MEMBER KATY SORENSON:
I-395 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT
(*Presentation by Mr. Jorge Espinel*).

B. MANAGER

C. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

D. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)

1. Monthly Status Report

E. SECRETARIAT

1. Public Response re: MPO Annual Transportation Newsletter

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA
GOVERNING BOARD**

MEETING OF THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2002 AT 2:00 P.M.

**STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 NW FIRST STREET
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

SUMMARY MINUTES

Chairperson Margolis called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m. In addition to Chairperson Margolis, the following members were present at the initiation of the meeting:

Jose "Pepe" Cancio	Jimmy L. Morales
Perla T. Hantman	Natacha Seijas
William H. Kerdyk	Jose Smith
M. Ronald Krongold	Javier D. Souto
Joe Martinez	Arthur E. Teele, Jr.

Non-voting members present: Mr. John Martinez, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The following staff members were present: Bill Johnson, Assistant County Manager, Jose-Luis Mesa, MPO Secretariat, and Robert A. Cuevas, Assistant County Attorney.

The following Board members arrived after the meeting commenced and during the City of Miami Commissioner Johnny Winton's presentation:

Bruno A. Barreiro
Barbara Carey-Shuler
Katy Sorenson

IV. INFORMATION ITEM (TAKEN OUT OF ORDER)

**A. CITY OF MIAMI FEC CORRIDOR REDEVELOPMENT PLAN
(PRESENTATION BY CITY OF MIAMI COMMISSIONER JOHNNY
WINTON)**

Commissioner Winton informed the Board that the FEC Corridor Redevelopment Plan was a product of a one year community planning process that focused on identifying and facilitating economic revitalization opportunities within the corridor and its surrounding neighborhoods. He further stated that the final plan intended to build on existing competitive advantages of the FEC Corridor and to develop clear and workable

implementation strategies and action steps to help ensure that the community's vision for the corridor would become a reality. Commissioner Winton concluded by introducing former City of Miami Beach Mayor Neisen O. Kasdin as the member of the consultant team for the Redevelopment Plan. Mayor Kasdin presented the Board with a brief PowerPoint presentation (*A copy of this presentation is available on video at the MPO Secretariat*).

Board Member Arthur E. Teele, Jr. moved that the City of Miami FEC Corridor Redevelopment Plan be accepted by the Board and evaluated by the MPO Staff and return to the MPO Board with specific recommendations. The motion was seconded by Board Member Sorenson and passed unanimously.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Jose Mesa informed the Board that the agenda was revised to include Item IV.B East/West Metrorail Corridor Transit Tunnel Under U.S. Courthouse.

Board Member Morales moved the approval of the agenda as amended, and Chairperson Margolis seconded the motion. The agenda as amended was approved.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Morales moved the approval of the minutes of June 20, 2002, and Chairperson Margolis seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

III. MEMBER, VACANCY, ATTENDANCE AND DEMOGRAPHICS REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

1. CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

A. RESOLUTION

Mr. Miles Moss, Chair of CTAC's Surface Transportation Subcommittee, reported to the Board, in Mr. Frank Hernandez absence, the CTAC resolutions. Mr. Moss informed the Board that CTAC passed a resolution regarding red light camera technology. He further stated that CTAC was aware that the Board had dealt with this issue in the past. He also stated that CTAC recognized the obstacles that exist from a Legislative perspective. He further stated that CTAC resolution recommends the MPO Governing Board request the Miami-Dade Delegation to initiate the process to allow a one year pilot program to provide cameras to identify vehicles running red traffic signals; and that a contractor provide cameras at twelve (12) locations geographically balanced in Miami-Dade County. He further stated that the resolution recommended that the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) fund a before and after study with emphasis on whether the technology had minimized accidents during the

pilot period. He concluded by introducing Mrs. Phyllis Levy who provided the Board with a brief presentation on Red Light Technology (*A copy of this presentation is available on video at the MPO Secretariat*).

Board Member Cancio expressed concerns with the current level of respect that Dade County citizens display for the traffic signals. He further clarified that many drivers disrespect the red light signals by running through them and the current enforcement system does not have the funding capacity to handle the situation. He concluded by stating that the Dade County community should be more technologically advanced thus making them more competitive with other tourist areas in the world. Mr. Moss stated that the areas that use red light camera technology have a proven reduction in the amount of violations and generated additional funds.

Board Member J. Martinez expressed concern that the funds collected from the red light camera technology would require an amendment to the Disbursement of the Collection of Fines.

Board Member Smith moved that the MPO Board endorse the CTAC resolution # 17-02 with the amendment urging the Legislature to allow the option of a “County by County” adoption of the red light camera technology. The motion was seconded by Board Member Sorenson and upon put to a vote the motion passed with one dissenting vote.

2. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)

No report was presented.

3. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC) VACANCY LIST

Mr. Brian Hannigan, BPAC, informed the Board that BPAC unanimously endorsed BPAC resolution # 5-2002 to support the international walk to school project. He further stated that the BPAC respectfully request that the MPO Board provide guidance to the safe walk to school program. He also stated that the funding is available to provide the necessary improvements but support is needed to get the improvements accomplished. Chairperson Margolis requested that the Public Works Department be notified to designate staff to meet with Mr. Hannigan. Mr. Johnson responded that they would be notified.

Board Member Hantman stated that the School Board is in full support of this project. She also stated that she was not aware that staff from the School Board had not met with Mr. Hannigan. She concluded by stating

that she would commit Mr. Alex David to meeting with Mr. Hannigan on this project.

Board Member Souto expressed concern with the lack of respect that motorists display towards bicyclists. He further stated that a document should be prepared to urge the Tallahassee Delegation to increase the fines for motorists that run over bicyclists. Mr. Mesa stated that the MPO Staff would meet with him to prepare a document to send to Tallahassee.

Board Member Martinez requested clarity on whether County Employees could serve on BPAC. Mr. Robert Cuevas stated that there was no law that prohibited county employees from being members of BPAC.

Board Member Morales appointed Mrs. Sheila Boyce to BPAC.

Board Member Kerdyk appointed Mrs. Winsome Bowen to TARC

Board Member Shuler appointed Ted Silver to BPAC

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. CITY OF MIAMI FEC CORRIDOR REDEVELOPMENT PLAN *(Presentation by City of Miami Commissioner Johnny Winton)*

This item was taken out of order and appeared on pages 1 & 2 of these minutes.

B. EAST/WEST METRORAIL CORRIDOR TRANSIT TUNNEL UNDER U.S. COURTHOUSE

Mr. Danny Alvarez stated that the United States General Services Administration (USGSA) has requested that the MPO Board set aside \$3,483,355 to cover design and construction modifications to the foundation of the United States Federal Courthouse in downtown Miami. He further stated that these funds would preserve an area for the passage of the proposed East/West Metrorail Corridor tunnel.

Board Member Barriero stated that the issue of an underground tunnel for the East/West Corridor was never mentioned at any of the public meetings. He further stated that the funds to preserve an area for the passage of the proposed East/West Metrorail Corridor are not available. He concluded by suggesting that staff inform USGSA that an above ground line would be used for the East/West Metrorail Corridor. Mr. Alvarez respectfully suggested that the Board determine if they would like to participate in the option to preserve the passage before determining the grade of the line. Mr. Alvarez further stated that the MPO would have to

reprioritize projects in order to accommodate the \$3,483,355 requested. Mr. Johnson stated that the FDOT District 6 does not advise the endorsement of this request. He further stated that the MPO Board would need to reprioritize \$3.5 million worth of projects from the 2003 Work Program to allot for this passage. He concluded by stating that neither the County Manager's Budget nor the MDTs' have the funds to contribute to this request.

Board Member Barriero moved to deny the request of \$3,483,355 to preserve an area for the passage of the proposed East-West Metrorail Corridor tunnel at the United States Federal Courthouse in downtown Miami. The motion was seconded by Board Member Cancio and passed unanimously.

Board Member Shuler requested that the Security Home Site be placed on the MPO Board September Agenda. She further requested that Mr. John Martinez, FDOT, meet with the Security Home Site and report to the Board in September.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FY 2002 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO ADD FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5309 FUNDING TO THE MIAMI BEACH ELECTROWAVE BUS SHUTTLE PROJECT (PUBLIC HEARING)

Chairperson Margolis opened the public hearing. Chairperson Margolis closed the public hearing.

Board Member Smith moved the approval of the resolution and Chairperson Margolis seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

B. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

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Chairperson Margolis opened the public hearing. Chairperson Margolis closed the public hearing.

Board Member Sorenson moved for the approval of the resolution. Chairperson Margolis seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

C. TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL UPDATE OF THE TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (PUBLIC HEARING)

Chairperson Margolis opened the public hearing.

A concerned citizen expressed concern with the public transportation system and its ability to offer a proportionate amount of service throughout Dade County. He further clarified that the current transit system is concentrated in the same areas. He also clarified that the transit system could be better used to its full potential if the metrorail and metromover, metrobus were separated and used in different areas of the county. He concluded by stating to the Board that the use of the buses downtown as a mode of transportation was a waste since the metrorail and metromover are both available to transport people around downtown.

Chairperson Margolis closed the public hearing.

Board Member Seijas requested clarity on the purpose of the TDP. Mr. Alvarez stated that the TDP was designed to identify the unmet needs of areas throughout the county based on predicated factors such as population growth and new employment opportunities. He further stated that the document also provides recommendations for a service plan for the needed areas.

Board Member Seijas expressed concern that the amount of services available or planned for the Northwest portion of the County does not adequately compare to its current growth rate. She further stated that the TDP fails to address the solutions to improving the transit needs for the Northwest portion of the County. She concluded by requesting that Mr. Alvarez provide her with a grid that displays a comparison of the transit services available using the same area categorization as in the TDP. Board Member Hantman also requested a copy of the comparison information. Mr. Alvarez responded that he would submit the requested information.

Chairperson Margolis moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Cancio seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

D. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND THE MIAMI-DADE EMPOWERMENT TRUST TO CONDUCT THE NW 79TH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE STUDY

Board Member Teele moved for the approval of the resolution. Board Member Barriero seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

E. REQUEST BY BOARD MEMBERS KATY SORENSON AND BRUNO A. BARRIERO: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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Board Member Sorenson moved for the approval of the resolution. Board Member Barriero seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

VI. REPORTS

A. MEMBERS

1. REQUEST BY BOARD MEMBER KATY SORENSON: I-395 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Mr. Jorge Espinel presented to the Board a brief PowerPoint presentation on the I-395 Reconstruction Project (*A copy of this presentation is available on video at the MPO Secretariat*).

B. MANAGER

C. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT)

D. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY

1. MDX Status Report

E. SECRETARIAT

1. Public Response re: MPO Annual Transportation Newsletter

(No discussion on report items B, C, D & E)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.